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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation (Addendum to Report #53 - As of 7:30 A.M. EDT)

- 1. The American Consulate General in Lahore reports an attack on the Consulate General and the USIS office in Lahore at 10:45 A.M. local time on 21 September. The mob of 500 to 600 persons was "obviously preorganized" and apparently had an unimpeded march to the Consulate General premises. Some damage was done to buildings and vehicles, but none to American personnel.
- 2. Reuters also reports that the demonstrators were opposed to any Pakistani acceptance of the UN's cease-fire proposals. It added that officials of opposition parties in Karachi were planning meetings to consider proposals for a general strike if the government should accept a cease-fire. President Ayub was said to have called opposition leaders to Rawalpindi for consultations on the UN resolution.
- 3. The State Department also reports a small, orderly demonstration at Dacca.
- 4. The simultaneity of the rioting in Karachi, Lahore, and Dacca and the alleged plans for a general strike suggest that Ayub is preparing the way for rejecting the cease-fire on the grounds that Pakistani public opinion would not support him if he accepted it.

State Department review completed